The accounts for the year 1966-87 are under finalisation.

The Food Corporation of India has taken a number of steps to reduce the losses such as enforcing 100 per cent weighment at the handling points of foodgrains to the extent possible, additional installation of weigh-bridges stricter quality control at the time of purchase, better preservation, reduction in quantum of filling, machine stitching, effective supervision, surprise checks and constructions/hiring of additional storage capacity.

Entry of Scheduled Castes in Temples

♦175. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI;

Will tht Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a)- whether Government are aware that in spite of a Constitutional Commitment, the entry of scheduled castes, is still banned in many temples of India including the famous and scared temple of 'Nathdwara' in Rajasthan;

(b) whether it is a fact that at the initiative of Harijan Sevak Sangh some persons including an MP. tried to enter the 'Nathdwara' temple but were not allowed to do so by certain persons which led to a serious law and order problem;

(c) whether in view of these cir cumstances, Government propose to take any fresh initiative to ensure that such discrimination against the scheduled castes stops and they are permitted to enter and worship in every temple of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) No such instance has been brought to the notice of Government of India.

(b) According to the report received from the Government of Rajasthan, Shri Keyur Bhushan, M.P. and Shri Ganesh Lal Mali, Ex. M.P. and also Ex-Chairman of Nathdwara Municipality had darshan of Shree-nathji temple. However, after they had darshan in the temple, some anti-social elements tried to physically harm them outside the temple leading to a law and order problem which was soon controlled.

(c) and (d) the question does not arise.

Production of Aluminium

*176. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of aluminium has decreased since 1984-85; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been some decrease in the production of primary aluminium from 276,492 tonnes an 1984-85 to 257,269 tonnes in 1986-87 on account of shortage in power supply affecting production of some of the aluminium producing units.

(b) In order to increase production of primary aluminium, it is necessary to ensure steady power supply. To achieve this objective, Bharat Aluminium Company Ltd. is setting up a captive thermal power plant of 270 MW.. Hindustan Aluminium Corporation Limited is installing an additional generating power plaint of 270 MW. Hindustan city 2,18,000 tonnes of aluminium per annum is being added with the implementation of National Aluminium Company Limited (under con-struction) project with its own cap tive power plant of 600 MW. From

being a net importer of aluminium metal. India becomes a surplus producer of aluminium by 1988-89.

गंगा के दियारा क्षेत्र में भूमि की सिंचाई

*177. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या **जल संसाधन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गंगा के दियारा क्षेत्र में भूमि की सिंचाई के वास्ते सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि में विभिन्न योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गयी है ;

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार और बंगाल में गंगा के दियारा खादर क्षेत्र के लिए बनायी गयी बृहद, मध्यम और लघु योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या इस विशाल क्षेत्र के विकास के लिए अलग से कोई उपयोगी योजना बनायी गयी है ; यदि हां, तो बिहार के लिए बनायी गयी ऐसी योजना का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द): (क) से (ग) राज्य सरकारों से दियारा क्षेत्रों के लिए कोई बृहद और मध्यम योजनाएं प्राप्त नहीं हुई हैं तथा सातवीं योजना में निधियों का विशिष्ट रूप से प्रावधान नहीं किया गया है । लघु योजनाएं राज्य सरकारों द्वारा सीधे कार्यान्वित की जाती है और उनके बारे में ब्यौरे केन्द्र द्वारा नहीं रखे जाते हैं ।

Revision of price of land by the D.D.A. for service personnel

♦178. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the D.D.A. has, through a recent order, revised the price of land for service personnel; and

(b) if BO, what are the reasons for revising the Price of land and what is the extent of the rise in the land prices?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) In respect of land allotted to Cooperative Group Housing Societies measuring less than two acres each, deficiency charges were being levied at the predetermined rate of Rs. 54/-per Sq. Mtr., on an ad-hoc basis, for the 2 per cent area not provided by the Society for service personnel housing. In July 1986,a view was taken by the DDA that these charges should be levied at market rates, since it was felt that the terms and conditions of allotment had been violated. However on reconsideration a decision to revert to the predetermined rate has since been taken.

झांसी नगर के लिए पेयजल

*179. **डा० गोविन्द दास रिछारिया :** क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार उत्तर प्रदेश के झांसी नगर में पेयजल के संकट को दूर करने के लिए माताटीला बांध से एक पृथक लाइन डालने की किसी योजना पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) पेयजल की वर्तमान कमी को ध्यान में रखते हुए इस योजना पर कब तक कार्य आरम्भ कर दिये जाने की आशा है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई) : (क) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने विदेशी सहायता प्राप्त करने के लिए झांसी जलपूर्ति पुनःसंगठन योजना के संबंध में एक प्रस्ताव भेजा है ।